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Title: Method And Apparatus For Shaping
Spring Elements

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of co-pending application Serial No. 08/794,202,
filed January 24, 1997.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-38 and 41-53.

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REMARKS

Claims 39 and 40 are remaining in the application. Examination on the merits of Claims 39 and 40 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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